



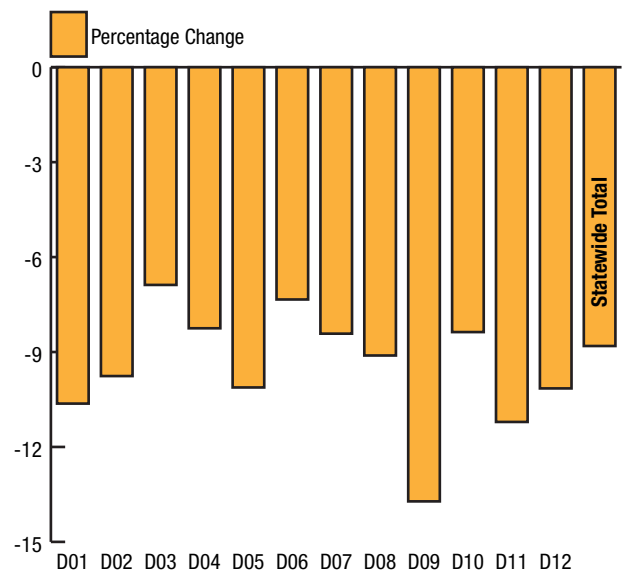
# Travel Options Change Travel Behavior

In 2013, the annual vehicle miles traveled per capita in California dropped between 6.88 and 13.72 percent per district from the 2010 baseline per capita vehicle miles traveled, with a statewide average of an almost 9 percent reduction. Caltrans' goal is a total reduction of 15 percent, relative to 2010 levels, by 2020 for each district.

Caltrans' mission is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Achieving that includes giving people in California a choice in how they travel. Smart land use for new growth in which housing, jobs and retail space are in closer proximity enhances mobility choices such as biking, walking, transit and rail, which reduce people's dependency on automobiles as their primary travel options. With its per capita vehicle miles traveled reduction target, Caltrans can help the state meet greenhouse gas reduction targets set by the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. A reduction in per capita vehicle miles traveled will also help the state meet the greenhouse reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and will make it possible to reach the ultimate goal of reducing emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 as set by [Executive Order B-30-15](#).

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**2013 Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Capita\***  
Percentage Change from 2010 Baseline



\*by district

Source: Caltrans, DRISI, Highway Performance Monitoring System, California Department of Finance Demographic Research Unit

This graph shows that per capita vehicle miles traveled vary between Caltrans districts. In 2013, the overall statewide average reduction was almost 9 percent. Caltrans' goal is to reach a 15-percent reduction, relative to 2010 levels, by 2020 for each district.

Giving travelers options in how they travel, such as biking, walking, transit and rail can help reduce the per capita vehicle miles traveled in California.